

Claims 140, 143 and 145 are supported by the specification at page 13, lines 4-5; and page 21, lines 20-21.

New claim 146 is supported, for example, by claim 85 as filed.

New claim 147 is supported, for example, by claim 86 as filed.

New claim 148 is supported, for example, by claim 87 as filed.

New claim 149 is supported, for example, by claim 88 as filed.

New claim 150 is supported, for example, by claim 89 as filed.

New claim 151 is supported, for example, by claim 90 as filed.

New claim 152 is supported, for example, by claim 91 as filed.

New claim 153 is supported, for example, by claim 92 as filed.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

III. Reply to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Examination of New Claims 140-153

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 24, 1999 (Paper No. 5) Applicants elect group I claims (claims 1-37, 73-83 and 106-112) without traverse.

Claims 38-47, 48-66, 67-72, 84-105 and 113-139 have been canceled because they are in non-elected groups of claims.

As filed, claim 106 depended from claim 84, which is within a non-elected group of claims. Applicants have amended claim 106 to recite the limitations of canceled claim 84.

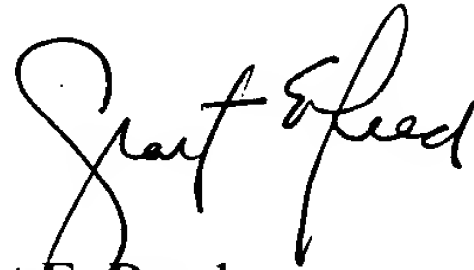
In addition, Applicants have added claims 140-153, which recite the limitations of canceled claims 85-92, respectively. Applicants respectfully request that new claims 140-153 be examined with elected claims 1-37, 73-83 and 106-112.

Conclusion

The present application is in condition for examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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